

THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR
THE FORTY-FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
MICHIGAN
COUNTIES OF DICKINSON - IRON - MENOMINEE

Circuit Judge
MARY B. BARGLIND

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Dickinson County Courthouse
Iron Mountain, MI 49801



July 26, 2011

Circuit Judge
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Mr. Jerry Kole
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Re: Supplemental Secondary Analysis Information

Dear Mr. Kole:

When we met on July 12 I indicated that I should be able to obtain the exact travel information for our circuit. I have had that information totaled and analyzed. The results are broken down by year in the attached sheet. Utilizing the averages for the years 2008 to 2010 (to be consistent with the 2011 JRR), the total miles traveled for the two circuit court judges was 40,470. To be clear, in this calculation I am only referencing travel from our principal place of work and residence to other locations within our circuit. This averages to 13,490 miles per year traveled by the two circuit judges in the 41st Circuit. Utilizing the 2011 JRR's calculation of 5.5 judicial hours per day that are available for circuit court judges in our stratum times 5 days per week and 46* weeks per year, there are available 1,265 hours per year for each judge to work. With average speeds of 50 miles per hour, the 13,490 miles per year that we drive takes us 269.8 hours per year to get to locations in our circuit other than our principal location in Dickinson County. This equates to 2.28 months spent driving per year or 9.81 weeks spent driving per year. **

This is a huge chunk of time out of our day as can be seen by these calculations.

I understand that other judges and legislators travel to their jobs, however, this is not including any time spent traveling to our job. This is only time spent traveling to other locations in Menominee and Iron county. This travel is typically necessary during our work day and significantly cuts into the time that we have left to tend to our docket.

If we have fewer judges in our circuit that means that the travel time will increase even more from the average 13,490 miles per year. With fewer judges to cover the docket this will mean more trips that will be necessary when emergencies and other unscheduled matters arise, as they so frequently do. We do have video conferencing in place, however,

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there are many things that just cannot be done through this modem.

Thank you for considering this information and adding it to our secondary analysis.

Sincerely yours,



Mary B. Barglind
41st Circuit Court Judge

- * 52 week/year less 6 weeks vacation/education days
- ** $1265 \div 46 \text{ weeks} = 2.75 \text{ hrs/week}$; $1265 \times 4.3 \text{ wks/mo} = 11.825 \text{ hrs/mo}$
 $269.8 \div 27.5 = 9.81 \text{ wks}$; $269.8 \div 118.25 = 2.28$

cc: The Honorable Richard Celello
The Honorable Christopher Ninomiya
The Honorable Thomas Slagle
The Honorable C. Joseph Schwedler
The Honorable Jeffrey Barstow
The Honorable William Hupy

Enclosure

MBB/mer

Total number or miles per year for Judge Richard J. Celello

<u>Year</u>	<u>Miles</u>
2006	4,976
2007	8,328
2008	6,678
2009	7,944
2010	5,916
2011 (as of 6-30-11)	<u>2,112</u>
	35,954

Total number of miles per year for Judge Mary B. Barglund

<u>Year</u>	<u>Miles</u>
2006	6,348
2007	6,180
2008	6,216
2009	7,680
2010	6,036
2011 (as of 6-30-11)	<u>3,780</u>
	36,240

Total RJC 35,954

Total MBB 36,240

Grand Total 72,194 (As of 6-30-11)